



TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR NETWORK TECHNICIANS

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BEFORE YOU START

What is Métro Électro?

Métro Électro is essentially a locally held Intranet site that runs via IIS and is driven by a database that sits on your server.

It is split into a Pupil Activity Package and a Teacher Presentation Package at each level 1, 2 & 3.

It uses Macromedia Flash based animations and records pupils progress through the software to a database. Flash needs to be installed at each workstation using the software.

It runs through a browser so there is no install to be done on the workstation.

Much like an Intranet site it is accessed through an internal web address e.g. http://Server1/metro/default.htm.

It does not matter what Windows version you are running on the workstations, but you will need Internet Explorer 5.5 or above installed.

Métro Électro needs IIS4 (Internet Information Server) or above installed at the server. Windows NT users will find it as part of the Windows NT 4 Option pack. Please install IIS4 or above prior to installing Metro if you do not already have it. You will need to re-boot and re-install if doing so.

Windows 2000 server comes with IIS 5 and Windows 2003 with IIS 6.0 as standard. More info can be found here:

IIS 6.0:

http://www.microsoft.com/iis

IIS Community:

http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/community/centers/iis/default.mspx

Your IIS administrator can be found under Start > Settings > Control panel > Administrative Tools > Internet Information Services.

IIS sits behind your firewall so there should be no concerns about security. If you have concerns about IIS please see the addresses above.

Unsupported Systems:

Métro Électro is not designed for:

- Apache webservers
- Novell networks
- Linux or Unix networks
- Stand alone installs using the system or code discs. Please see Page 10 for information on installing the content discs.

What do you need to know?

Métro Électro is a server based product. It MUST be installed at the server.

SERIAL NUMBERS, USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS:

Métro Électro should arrive with a Welcome pack that contains the 60 day serial codes. If not please use the appropriate one from this list:

60 day trial codes - Metro 1	
Pupil Package:	Teacher Package:
4074-94681-364-718	4074-94681-364-571
60 day trial codes - Metro 2	
Pupil Package:	Teacher Package:
4074-94681-364-618	4074-94681-364-891
4074-94681-364-618 60 day trial codes - Metro 3	4074-94681-364-891
	4074-94681-364-891 Teacher Package:

It is possible to extend this trial period by 30 days if needed. Please contact us for further details. Extensions are granted at our discretion.

The 60 day trial period starts from the day of installation. Once the trial period is over you will be prompted for a permanent code to unlock the software.

OBTAINING THE PERMENANT SERIAL CODE:

- 1. Call our Technical Support team on 01865-888108 with your invoice number.
- 2. We will check the invoice has been cleared and then we will issue you with your serial code. Please have your phone number, which levels of Métro Électro you need a code for and a contact name.
- 3. It will be in this format:

XXXX-XXXXX-XXX

- Network version: you input the hyphens
- Standalone version: you put it in 4 boxes no hyphens needed

To obtain your code the invoice needs to be paid in full and recognised as such on our system.

UPGRADING WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR NEW NUMBER:

- 1. Log into Metro as the Métro Électro Administrator > Click "Upgrade".
- 2. Enter your new code(s) and click to show you have accepted the licence agreement.

Permissions:

- The virtual directory needs to be able to be accessed by the Microsoft Guest user (anonymous user) account: "IUSR_servername".
- NT 4.0: If you do not have an Anonymous User account you can't manually "create" the IUSR account, it needs to be created, (in IIS4 at least), by the installation of option pack 4. If it's not, then the only option is to reinstall option pack 4. If you manually create it IIS cannot use it properly as it is unable to automatically control its associated password.

The ISUR account itself is the "property" of IIS. A machine that doesn't have IIS installed on it will not have an IUSR account; it is actually created by IIS.

• You may also want to apply the profile "everyone" with "full control" over the heinemann online directory and inherit/cascade it down the path.

Paths and Addresses:

The default install path at the server is:

C:\program files\heinemann online

You are able to browse to another location if needed.

The default install path for the virtual directory is in IIS:

Servername > Websites > default websites > Metro

The default URL after install is:

http://<servername>/metro/

If you have Flash already installed on the client the URL will display as:

http://<servername>/metro/yesflash.asp

Shortcuts or browser favourite links will need to point to the full http://servername... address.

Minimum Requirements

Server requirements:

- Windows NT4 Server with service pack 6a, Option pack 4 or Windows 2000 server with service pack 4 or Windows 2003 server
- Internet Information Server (IIS) 4 or above
- Processor: 500 MHz Pentium
- A minimum of 128 MB memory (256 MB is recommended)
- 500 MB free hard disc space
- Network 10 BASE-T Ethernet or 10/100 Ethernet

(MDAC 2.7 and JET 4 are also required – these will be installed by the system disc if required.)

Client PC requirements for Pupil Activity Package(s)

233 MHz Pentium II processor

A minimum of 64 MB RAM (128 MB is recommended)

Colour depth: minimum 16 bit colour (True Colour (32 bit) is recommended)

Windows 98SE, NT4 Workstation, 2000 or XP

Sound card

Screen resolution set at 800 x 600 pixels

Internet Explorer 5.5 or later

Flash Player 6 plugin or later

Headphones or speakers

(Microphones as an optional extra)

Client PC requirements for Teacher Presentation Package(s)

233 MHz Pentium II processor

A minimum of 64 MB RAM (128 MB is recommended and 256 MB is recommended for playing the videos)

Colour depth: minimum 16 bit colour (True Colour (32 bit) is recommended)

Windows 98SE, NT4 Workstation, 2000 or XP

Sound card

Screen resolution set at 800 x 600 pixels

Internet Explorer 5.5 or later

Flash Player 6 plugin or later

Additional requirements for Teacher Presentation Package(s)

- Standalone or networked computer (can be a laptop) in classroom where Presentations will be projected.
- Data projector and screen or interactive whiteboard
- Classroom-quality speakers
- Microsoft Word 2000 or later (to view Teacher Notes)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 4 or later (to view Grammar Worksheets)
- Windows Media Player (to play videos)

Server compatibility:

Microsoft® Windows® NT4 server

Microsoft® Windows® 2000 server / advanced server

Microsoft® Windows® 2003 server.

All should have latest service packs installed.

Management system compatibility:

RM Connect 2.4

Community Connect 3.0 Note - No msi is required as no client install

Client workstation components:

Networks with workstation restrictions: Flash 6 plugin and the voice recording components may need to be installed over the network.

The latest Flashplugin can be downloaded from the Macromedia website. You will need to be connected to the Internet.

- Open Internet Explorer and type in www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer/
- 2. At the Flash Player Download Center page click on the 'Install Now' button. Depending on your security settings, you may see a Security Warning Dialog box. Click 'Yes' to accept the ActiveX control.
- 3. When you see the Macromedia Flash Player Logo and text the installation was successful.

If you have any trouble installing the Flash Player, consult www.macromedia.com/support/flash/ts/documents/playerfag.htm

The voice recording components (needed for Pupil Activity Package(s) only) can be installed using the 'setup.exe' file in the following folder on the system CD-ROM: "Harcourt Education Voice Recording". Follow your network provider's instructions on how to load these extras onto client PCs.

Other Windows networks: the first time Métro Électro is used on a client PC a message will display if Flash version 6 or later is not detected. The message includes a link to the Macromedia download website (see above).

On the first occasion a voice recording activity is used the system will prompt you to install the voice recording component. The component must be allowed to install for voice recording to work.

STAND ALONE INSTALLATION

The **Content browser** is designed to be used as a way of presenting the content to a whole class via e.g. a laptop and interactive whiteboard.

Some teachers use the content browser as a way of evaluating Métro Électro if they cannot get a network installation arranged. You can run it on your laptop to view Metro content. Although please bear in mind that the real functionality is unlocked when you install the system and content discs over your network.

1. Insert the CD into your CDROM drive, the CDROM should run automatically.

If your PC does not support autorun:

- 1. Go to My Computer and double-click on your CD-ROM drive.
- 2. The CD-ROM should run.

If it does not run, but instead displays a list of the files on the CD-ROM:

1. Double-click on the file "metroelectroX_teacher.exe" (where X is the level of Metro you are using and the teacher/pupil name will of course change too).

It will immediately prompt you for a serial number:

Serial Number		
	<u>OK</u>	

You need to enter the same code for the appropriate level as you would enter for the full network version. Except in this instance you do NOT need to include the hyphens.

Click OK when done. If you see the error message "invalid serial number" please check you are inputting the right code for the right teacher/pupil/level combination. Codes are printed on Page 4.

If this does not solve it please see the Trouble shooting section of this manual and the question: "Problems with the "content browser" (stand alone disc) serial code."

Then you will see the Welcome screen. Please now follow the instructions as laid down in the user manual.

NETWORK INSTALLATION

INSTALL AT THE SERVER

A system disc is supplied with both the Pupil Activity Package(s) and the Teacher Presentation Package(s) at each level of Métro Électro (1, 2 or 3). You only need to install the system disc once at each level, even if you are installing both the Pupil Activity Package and the Teacher Presentation Package at that level.

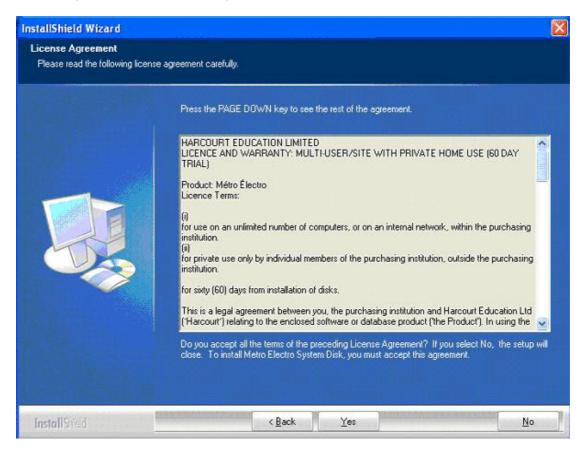
Install the system disc first, before any content disc(s).

NOTE:

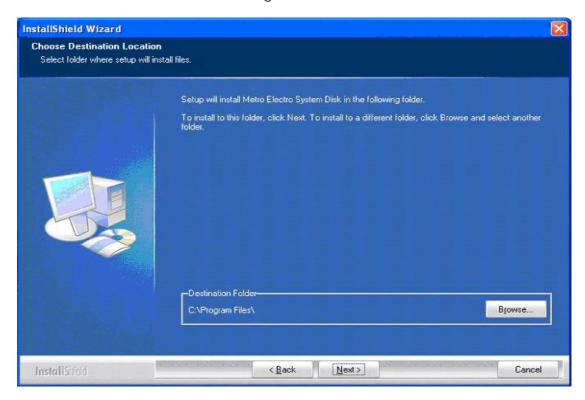
The levels of Métro Électro are designed to be installed in order. You cannot easily install, for example, a Métro Électro 1 package over Métro Électro 2 or 3 package(s). If this effects you for further information, see Page 21 "Installing Métro Électro out of order".

Otherwise please follow the instructions as follows. All installs must occur directly at the server.

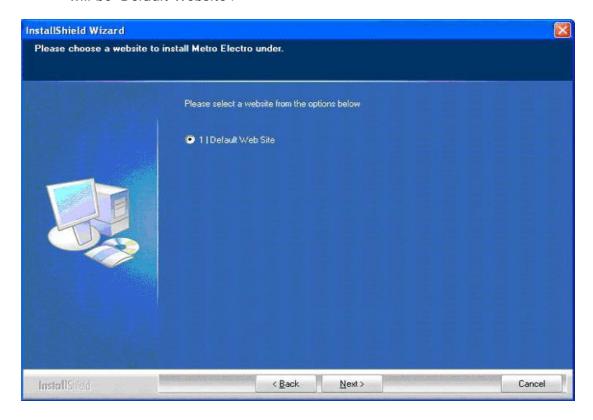
- 1. Place the system disc in the CD drive on your server. The disc should start the installation process. During installation the default options will usually apply.
- 2. During installation you will be asked to agree to the trial period Licence Agreement. You must agree to this in order to complete the installation.



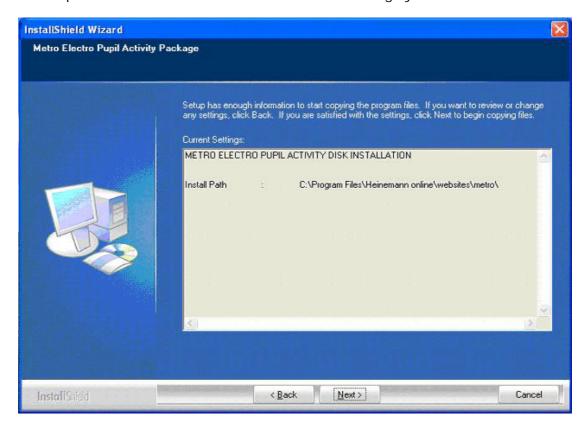
3. You will be prompted to select a destination for the program files and content. The default is C:\Program Files.



4. You may be prompted to choose a website on your web server. All websites on your server will be listed. In most cases the website to choose will be 'Default Website'.



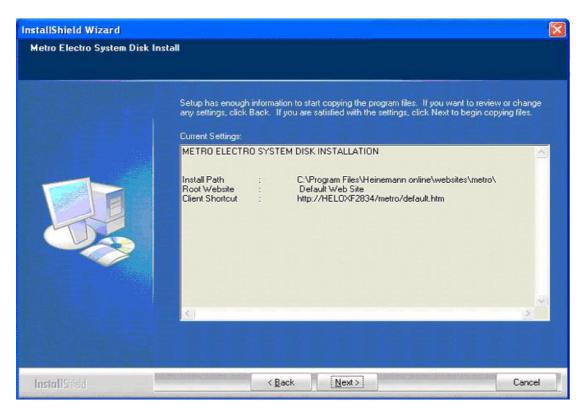
- 5. Select the 'Typical' setup type.
- 6. Once the system disc has completed installation and you have carried out any reboots as prompted by the installation routine, insert the Teacher / Pupil Activity Package content disc(s) into the CD drive. The disc will autorun. Accept the defaults displayed on screen and the content will be placed in the destination folder as chosen during system install.



- 7. Once the first content disc has installed, repeat the process with any additional pupil / teacher content disc(s).
- 8. From the desktop click on Start/Programs/Métro Électro/Launch Métro Électro.
- 9. Enter the user name 'admin'. You will then be asked to change the password.
- 10. Enter the serial number for the package / one of the packages that you have. If you have more than one content package you will need to log into Métro Électro using your administrator user name and password. Click on 'Upgrade' and enter the serial number to enable access to each additional package. You must agree to the User Licence before you can log in.

Installation Advice

- During installation you will be asked to "select a website from the options below". The install routine has simply scanned your IIS settings and listed the websites that Métro Électro could be installed under. Usually there will only be one ("Default Website"), but you can choose a more suitable area if you wish.
- During install please make a note of the Install Path, Root website and Client shortcut. The client shortcut is the address that you would cut and paste into your workstation browser address bar to open Métro Électro.



It can be found by opening Start > Programs > Métro Électro > Server Information to open "Metroserver.txt" or browse to Start > Programs > Métro Électro > Launch Métro Électro (the first way simply opens the text file with the addresses in it, the latter opens a browser with the address already entered).

Either listed address would do.

Example addresses:

http://Server1/metro/default.htm

http://172.168.169.224/metro/default.htm

You HAVE to enter one of the addresses quoted in your "metroserver.txt" file. If you physically browse to the default.htm page it will NOT work and all that will appear in your browser window is pages of ASP code.

If one address does not work try the other.

Please also try entering your IP address and servername into the exceptions field of the workstation browser (Tools > Internet Options > Connections > LAN Settings > Advanced > Exceptions) if you receive a "Page not found" error.

Métro Électro is essentially a local website so your proxy server does not necessarily have to be involved.

After installing the system disc you will need to install the content disc(s).

THE ROLE OF THE MÉTRO ÉLECTRO ADMINISTRATOR

Creating teacher users

One user needs to be assigned the role of Métro Électro administrator (this could be the network manager or a member of the MFL department). This user logs into Métro Électro using the administrator login. The administrator adds all teacher users using the 'Add Users' tab on the Administration home page. The administrator creates user names and passwords for the teacher users. The Teacher then creates pupil records as discussed in the user manual.

Technical knowledge of the network is not required to carry out system Métro Électro administration tasks. You will need an administrator user name and password to use the administration functions.

Administrator log-in

After the network manager has installed Métro Électro on the school's server, they (or a designated administrator) must log in as:

user name: admin

They are then directed to the Administrator home page. On first logging in, the administrator must enter the serial number(s) for the package(s) just installed.

The 60 day codes are included at the beginning of this manual or with an accompanying Welcome letter. Permanent codes are obtainable from Heinemann ICT support (tel: 01865 888108) – THEY CANNOT BE ALLOCATED UNTIL THE INVOICE HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.

The Licence Agreement must be agreed to before the serial number is accepted (just check the box).

On first using the system, the administrator is asked to change their password and can also change their user name.

On subsequent log-ins the administrator will see a welcome screen:



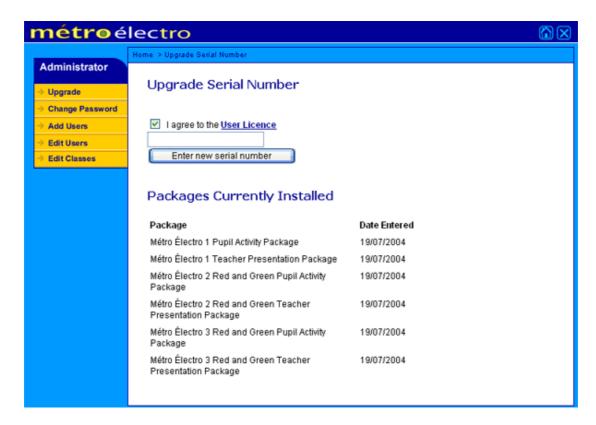
Administrator menu

The menu panel is located on the left hand side of the screen. The features available via the menu are as follows:

Upgrade:

This page lists all the packages registered on the system and allows the administrator to register new packages. Each new package installed requires a new serial number. The Licence Agreement must be agreed to before the serial number is accepted by the system. (The 'Enter new serial number' button only becomes active once you have checked the User Licence agreement box.).

When entering the code into the network version you need to include the hyphens.



Change Password:

This page allows the administrator to change their password. It is good practice to use passwords that contain two numbers and are at least eight characters long.

Add New User:

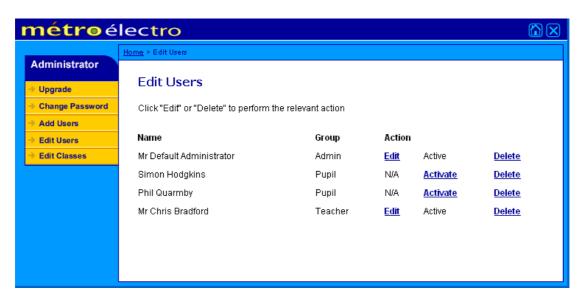
The administrator must add teacher users before teachers can access Métro Électro.

Select the title from the drop-down menu and type in:

- first name
- last name
- user name and password. (note that only the administrator can change a teacher user's password)
- Select the 'Group' (Teacher or Administrator) from the drop-down menu. It is good practice to have more than one administrator.

Pupil users are added by teachers (Pupil Activity Packages only).

Edit Users:



This page displays a list of all users registered on the Métro Électro system. Only 'active' users are listed on this page.

- → Users who have been deleted do not appear on the page and must be re-entered.
- → Pupil users and classes who have been deleted by Teachers can be "reactivated" by the Métro Électro administrator.

Note:

Deleted administrators and teachers cannot be recovered; their information will have to be entered again if they are deleted. There are two warnings before deleting is successful.

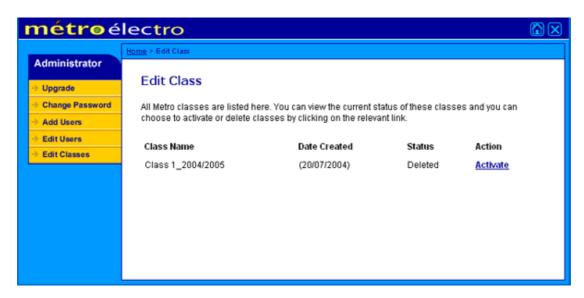
Clicking the 'Edit' link beside a user brings up the 'Amend User Details' screen. Any of the user's details can be changed, including title, first name, last name, user name and password.

Clicking the 'Delete' link on this page brings up two warnings before the user can be deleted successfully.

Please note that when a teacher user is deleted, all that teachers' classes and records are deleted from the system. You may choose to do one of the following:

- 1. Leave the teacher on the system, even if they have left the school or
- 2. Edit a former teacher's details, changing them to those of a different teacher within the school.

Edit Classes:



(This feature is only used when Pupil Activity Packages are installed.)

This page lists all classes registered on the system: both active and deleted. As administrator you can reactivate a class that has been deleted by a teacher, by clicking the 'Activate' link.

To delete a class permanently, click the 'Delete' link. This will bring up a warning asking you to confirm permanent deletion of the class.

All class administration is done by a logged in Métro Électro Teacher user.

Installing Métro Électro out of order

The Métro Électro software is designed to be installed in the order of the levels 1, 2, 3. You can install a Métro Électro 1 package after Métro Électro 2 and/or 3 packages are already installed on your server; just follow the procedure described below.

This procedure must be followed so that the user database is made compatible with the installed Métro Électro levels. The user database is used by the Pupil Activity Package to store information about pupils' results, as well as custom activity sequences. The database is used by the Teacher Presentation Package to store information about custom presentation sequences. It is also used by both these packages to store information about user names and passwords.

If Métro Électro 2 and/or 3 packages are already installed on your server, do not install the Métro Électro 1 system disc. Follow these steps to install Métro Électro 1 Pupil Activity Package or Teacher Presentation Package on your server.

- 1. If you do not wish to install Métro Électro 1 Pupil Activity Package, skip to step 4. Otherwise, install the Métro Électro 1 Pupil Activity Package content disc. **Do not install the Métro Electro 1 system disc.**
- 2. Insert in the CD drive the content disc for any one of the Métro Électro packages at levels 2 or 3 that are already installed on your server.
- 3. Allow the disc to autorun and select the "**Repair**" option from the screen it presents.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for Métro Électro 1 Teacher Presentation Package if required.

You will need to use the same procedure if you are installing a Métro Électro 2 package or packages on a server which already has Métro Électro 3 installed.

Note:

If you are installing the levels of Métro Électro in order, you should use the system disc as well as the content discs for each package that you are installing. In this case, follow the normal install routine as described on Page 11 "Network Installation"

You may want to make a back up copy of any Métro Électro databases before attempting an out of order installation for contingency reasons. We cannot recover lost data.

RM Connect 2.4

Métro Électro MUST be installed DIRECTLY on the server, NOT at a workstation.

IIS4 (Internet Information Server) and SP6a (Service Pack 6a) must also be installed to the server. If you have needed to install IIS4 please remember to reapply SP6a afterwards. Please see the minimum requirements for more information.

Follow the general installation instructions on Page 10.

Things to watch out for:

- 1. Do the install at a time of day when the server can be rebooted. This may have to be done 2 or 3 times during the install. The product requires Windows Installer 2.0, MDAC 2.7 and Jet 4.0a to be on the server. If they are not present, Métro Électro will put them on during setup. Both the installation of Windows Installer 2.0 and MDAC 2.7 will force reboots. These reboots must not be ignored.
- Rarely Connect 2.4 servers produce an "ADOB error" after Métro Électro is installed and you have entered the serial number. This is caused by Jet not having updated correctly. Installing the Jet SP provided in a folder at the root of the Métro Électro System disc and then REBOOTING the server will cure this.
- 3. Workstations require the Internet Explorer Flash plugin and a voice recording package to be loaded before Metro can be used. Ideally IE5.5 should be present on the machines as well, but this is not easy to achieve on RM Connect 2.4 and IE5 will suffice. For more info on installing packages to RM Connect 2.4 workstations please contact RM Support or see the info below:

Packaging The Flash plugin:

The Flash plugin needs to be packaged and delivered to all machines that will be running Métro Électro. It is very important that the correct plugin is used as some versions of Flash enable Flash content to be displayed, but do not work correctly with IE. It is recommended therefore that the following method is employed:

On a workstation:

- 1. Log on as an Administrator and start the RM Application Wizard. Select the "Create a new application package" option.
- 2. Instead of selecting a command line for the installation, select the "No installation program" box.
- 3. When you are prompted to make the changes you wish to make, navigate to the Macromedia web site. The exact URL you need is (at time of writing): http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer/. Install the free Flash plugin.

4. Once the plugin is installed, restart the RM Application Wizard and continue building the Flash package. Once the build is finished exit the wizard.

Packaging The Harcourt Education Voice Recorder:

The files for the installation are contained in the "Harcourt Education Voice Recording" folder on the root of the Métro Électro System CD.

On a workstation:

- Log on as an Administrator and start the RM Application Wizard. Insert the Métro Électro System CD and select the "Create a new application package" option.
- 2. This time there is a command line for the installation which is "D:\Harcourt Education Voice Recording\setup.exe" (where "D" is the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive).
- 3. Once installed, run the RM Application Wizard again and continue building the voice recording package.
- 4. Once the build has finished, finish the RM Application Wizard.

Allocating the Flash and Voice Recorder packages:

Once the packages have been made RM Application Wizard needs to be run again to allocate the two new packages to the workstations that will be running Métro Électro (for more info on allocating packages to RM Connect 2.4 workstations please contact RM Support).

Adding a shortcut to the Workstations:

You may wish to add a shortcut for Métro Électro to a suitable topic by using the Topic Manager.

The url for the Metro Intranet will be e.g. http://your_server_name/metro. The Métro Électro icon is called "M.ico" and can be found in:

.....\your_server_installation_path\Heinemann Online\Metro.

Community Connect 3

Métro Électro MUST be installed DIRECTLY on the server. IIS5 and the latest Windows 2000 service pack, (SP3 at time of writing) must also be installed. IIS5 is standard part of Windows 2000 and is usually pre-installed on Community Connect 3 servers.

Follow the general installation instructions on Page 10. There is no need for an MSI as the entire install is done at the server.

Things to watch out for:

- 1. Do the install at a time of day when the server can be rebooted although, if the server has the latest service packs installed as above it is unlikely that any reboots will be required. Do not ignore any requests for a reboot.
- 2. Client stations require the IE Flash 6 plugin and a voice recording package to be loaded before Métro Électro is used. The Flash 6 plugin can be downloaded individually to each client machine or, as with the voice recorder msi, can be packaged and delivered to the clients.
- 3. Community Connect 3 servers have a "Default Website" in IIS5, but it is disabled by default. The installation should therefore be pointed at the "Intranet" website instead.
- Occasionally, during System disc installation, a DLL registration error occurs. This will be of the form "Error 1904. Module
 C:\WINNT\System32\msxml4.dll failed to register. HRESULT 2147319780". Should this occur simply click on "Ignore".
- 5. Some CC3 servers have a rather unusual Anonymous user account of the form IUSR_24234562457 i.e. a serial number. This can cause the install to stop with an **Install Shield error 1609**. Please see the fix on page 21.

Downloading the Flash plugin to each client machine:

The Flash plugin needs to be loaded on all machines that will be running Métro Électro. It is very important that the correct plugin is used as some versions of Flash enable Flash content to be displayed, but do not work correctly with IE. It is recommended therefore that the following method is employed:

On a workstation:

- 1. On each client machine that will be using Métro Électro log on as an administrator.
- 2. Navigate to the Macromedia web site. The exact URL you need is http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash&P5_Language=English. Install the Flash plugin.
- 3. Once the plugin has been installed on a client machine then it is available for all users of that machine.

Packaging The Harcourt Education Voice Recorder:

On a workstation:

The files for the installation are contained in the "Harcourt Education Voice Recording" folder on the root of the System CD. A Métro Électro Voice Recording.msi, (Windows Installer Package), is included on the disc for the voice recording software.

- Log onto a workstation as an administrator. Browse to the "Applications" folder on the "Q" drive, (The package share on the server), and create a folder structure to store the voice recording package in as per your RM instructions. <u>Note</u> there is no shortcuts folder for the package as all the install does is place files in a given folder on the client machine(s).
- 2. Log onto the server as an administrator and run the RM Management Console. Use the "Update Package List" option to make the voice recorder package visible.
- 3. Allocate the voice recorder package to any workstations that will be running Métro Électro and then reboot the workstations to enable the allocation to take place.
- 4. You may wish then to add Métro Électro to workstation IE favourites and / or the desktop learning resources. To do this, on the server, log on as systemadmin and open the RM Management Console. You may need to add a new subject area for French which can be done via "Create New Staff Subject Area" in "Staff Subject Areas".
- 5. Having added the French subject area, go into "Create a Learning Resource". The url for the Metro Intranet will be http://your_server_name/metro.

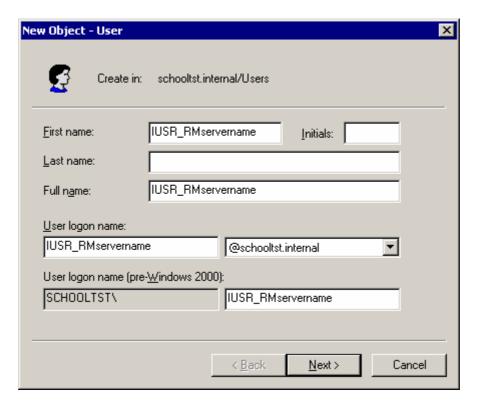
Please be aware that the Pupil and Teacher discs are purely content files.

RM CC3 server install error 1609 while installing Métro Électro:



Reason: On RM Connect servers IUSR_servername does not exist. Instead the servername is replaced by the server's serial number and even if changed this will be purely cosmetic and still will not be recognised by Métro Électro.

<u>Fix</u>: Create a user in Active Directory Users and Computers (2000/2003). The details of the users account are below:



Once the Métro Électro install is complete delete the account and then add the real IUSR_RMserialnumber to the NTFS permissions of the Métro Électro databases folder with full control. For a default installation the path will be "C:\Program Files\Heinemann Online\Databases."

Viglen Classlink 2000

Métro Électro can be installed on Viglen ClassLink 2000 networks by following the network installation instructions on Page 10. The following points should be noted, however:

- 1. The product CDs must be loaded directly onto the server.
- 2. The Flash plugin should be downloaded to each workstation that is going to be using Métro Électro this must be done whilst logged on to the workstation as an administrator.

The Métro Électro voice recording package installation should be run on each workstation that is going to be using Métro Électro - this must be done whilst logged on to the workstation as an administrator.

Uninstalls

At the server:

Control Panel > Add/Remove programs > Métro Électro > Add/Remove in full.

Please be aware that the Uninstaller does not delete the Log file or the folder structure.

To completely remove Métro Électro from your network:

Uninstall through Add/Remove > reboot > delete folder structure from hard disc. The default path is:

C:\Program Files\Heinemann Online\

At the workstation:

NOTE:

There is no workstation install as it runs through a browser, much like a website. If you have created a shortcut on the workstation desktop simply move it to the Recycle Bin.

If you wish to uninstall one out of two or more Métro Électro packages then the other package(s) may not work, but this is overcome by following the procedure described below.

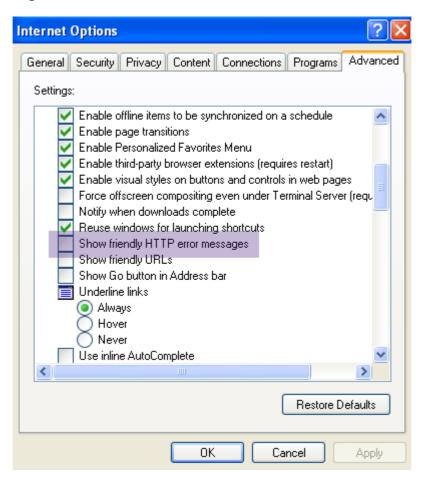
This procedure must be followed so that the user database is made compatible with the installed Métro Électro packages. The user database is used by the Pupil Activity Package to store information about pupils' results, as well as custom activity sequences. The database is used by the Teacher Presentation Package to store information about custom presentation sequences. It is also used by both these packages to store information about user names & passwords.

- 1. Uninstall the package as normal using Start > Settings > Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs > Remove.
- 2. Insert in the CD drive the content disc for the highest level Métro Électro package that is still remaining on your server.
- 3. Allow the disc to autorun and select the Repair option from the screen it presents.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

If you experience a problem that isn't listed here please try to take a transcript or screenshot of the error message as we may request that info if you contact us. If there is no clear error being reported in the browser window please check you have "friendly HTTP error messages" **switched off** before refreshing the page to see if the error reporting changes.

Browser > Tools > internet options > advanced > uncheck "show friendly http error messages".



Checklist:

Métro Électro MUST be installed DIRECTLY on the server, NOT at a workstation. IIS4 (Internet Information Server) and SP6a (Service Pack 6a - if you are using NT4.0) must also be installed to the server. If you have needed to install IIS4 please remember to reapply SP6a afterwards and reboot. Please see the minimum requirements for more info.

More info on Service Pack 6a:

http://www.microsoft.com/ntserver/nts/downloads/recommended/SP6/allSP6.asp

What is the difference between the standalone and network versions of Métro Électro?

Answer:

The Teacher standalone disc is designed for teachers to prepare and present lessons using the animations at the front of class from their laptop onto e.g. an interactive whiteboard. The Pupil standalone disc is really just an evaluation tool so you can view the content without running a network install.

The network version contains all the functionality. It records pupil data to the server providing excellent diagnostic feedback amongst a range of other things. Please see the website for more info www.metro-electro.co.uk

While it is possible to load the Standalone version onto each computer in a network, we cannot think of a good reason to do so as this would result in a decrease in functionality.

- 1 None of the scoring would work
- 2 The recording activities would not work
- 3 The customisability would be much reduced.

If this is what the teacher wants to do, you are welcome to go ahead, but as we do not recommend this we would not be able to give support. If your network manager in the school is unsure about installing the network product on the school network, they will receive full support from us on (01865) 888108.

There is only one package available for each version of Métro Électro, this is the complete network version with site licence (including standalone disc that was prepared for previewing the activities on home computers by teachers).

Question:

Error logging in with correct username: "Sorry, the username you entered does not exist"

Answer:

If you log in with a perfectly valid username and password and you see this message, it could be because per session cookies are disabled.

Your local intranet security options don't allow **session cookies**. This can be changed through Tools > Options > Security. If your settings are "greyed out" on your browser it was probably set up by a third party. Check with your hardware/software vendor to see if this setting can be amended.

Otherwise please log into Métro Électro as an Administrator or Teacher user to se if you can amend details there.

I have installed ME but the browser window simply shows the ASP code instead of the graphics.

Answer:

There 2 things it might be:

1) ASP is a server side scripting technology and as such the .asp pages need to be served via a webserver (IIS) and not just loaded in the browser. You may be trying to just load the .asp page in IE rather than let the server do its work.

E.g. the following links will reproduce the error.

//servername/metro/default.asp

OR

c:\program files\metro\default.asp

Where as the following (replicated in metroserver.txt too) will work:

http://servername/metro/default.asp

Question:

Error In browser window:

Microsoft VBScript runtime error '800a01f4'

Variable is undefined: 'session'

Answer:

This could be because "Session State" is not enabled in IIS for the Métro Électro virtual directory - in fact it may be disabled for the entire root web.

Within IIS > on the Metro virtual directory (Heinemann_online) Right click > select "properties" > Go to the "Configuration Tab" and make sure that "Enable Session State" is enabled in the "App Options" tab.

Error In browser window:

"Active Server Pages error 'ASP 0131' Disallowed Parent Path

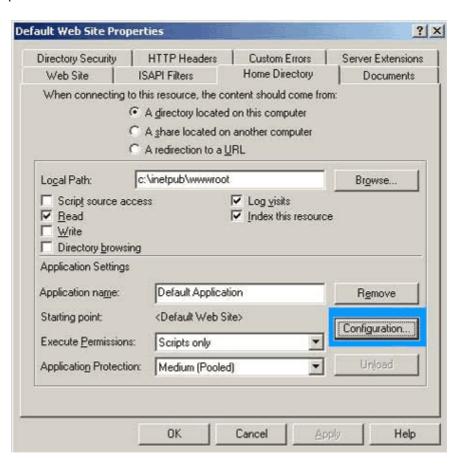
...asp, line xxx

The Include file '../../copyright.asp' cannot contain '..' to indicate the parent directory."

Answer:

This is an IIS security issue, and one that is not a default option when you install IIS (may happen on 2003 servers):

- Within IIS > on the Metro virtual directory (Heinemann_online) Right click > select "properties" > Choose the "Home Directory" tab > then click on the "configuration tab"
- 2. Then make sure the "enable parent paths" checkbox is checked in the options tab.



I cant use/have forgotten my admin password.

Answer:

This may happen if the details for the administrator log in have been changed, or are no longer "admin/admin".

You can solve this by deleting a file called 'serial.txt' from the "serial" folder on your server. If installed on a default path the file can be found in:

C:\Program Files\Heinemann Online\websites\Metro\serial

When the user re-opens Métro Électro the will be asked to create a new administrator and enter their serial code. This will allow all users, teachers or pupils to remain in Metro and is much easier than reinstalling the whole program.

Question:

Métro Électro keeps asking for a serial code every time I try to use it, and will not load fully.

Answer:

There are two discs for Métro Électro Network CD-ROM, both discs must be installed to prevent this occurrence. Once both discs have been installed the serial code can be entered, and the program should work.

Question:

Error In browser window:

"Error 1311, source file not found"

Answer:

This may happen on a Windows 2000 server (possibly with RM Community Connect 3 users also).

This behaviour may occur if the Windows server security policy is set to restrict CDROM access to the locally logged-on user only. The Windows Installer does not install the software as the locally logged-on user; if that policy is in effect, Windows Installer cannot access the CD.

To resolve this problem, simply copy the contents of the Métro Électro System CDROM to a folder on your hard disc e.g. to the desktop or to a network share, and then run "setup.exe" from this folder.

More info can be found here:

http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;290896

Problems with the serial code on the Network version:

Error:

"XXXX-XXXX-XXX is a valid serial number, but has already been activated. Please enter another serial number to upgrade"

Answer:

This is probably a confliction with your Windows time settings. Even when you change the locale of your server to UK it doesn't change what is known as the default locale. ASP uses the default locale to do its date comparisons and consequently relies on the correct locale setting.

Resolution:

NT4 server - Go to Control Panel > Regional Settings. Make sure the settings are "English (United Kingdom)" and then tick the "Set as system default locale" box at the bottom of the page and click "Apply". It may ask for the NT4 server CD, although RM2.4 machines may not, but just follow the instructions. The server will need to be rebooted, however.

Win2000 server - very similar except there is a "Set as default" button rather than a tick box and it brings up a list. Set it to UK again. Win2000 seems to have all the files it needs to do the job so you won't need the CD, but it will need a reboot.

Once you've reset the system locale, uninstall the Metro system disc and reinstall it. The content installs are fine and can stay there.

Question:

Problems with the "content browser" (stand alone disc) serial code.

Answer:

There are two reasons for the failing trial serial codes on the Métro Électro Standalone CD ROMs.

USER ERROR: please check you are inputting the right code for the right teacher/pupil/level combination. You need to tab form one box to the next in this format:

XXXX-XXXXX-XXX

or

TECHNICAL ERROR: Once the CD ROM has been installed on a PC you may have difficulties logging in as another user and accessing the software. It will prompt you to enter the serial code again and then it either crashes or claims "serial code invalid", even though you are using the right code. This may be due to the security on the registry. You can install the software on another PC as a new user, enter the serial code and this will work fine.

These issues apply to Windows 2000 and will therefore probably apply to XP Professional as well, but not Windows 95 or 98.

Windows 2000 user permissions:

If you create a user on Windows 2000 this automatically adds them to the "Users" group, but will only give them what is termed "Restricted" access, in that they cannot install software, change the registry, etc. A "Standard" user, however, has Power User status and can do a lot of the things that an Administrator can do.

If you install the standalone disc as a restricted user AND NOBODY ELSE it will work, but will ask for the serial number every time as it can't write to the registry.

If the disc is EVER installed as either an administrator or a Standard User on that machine the registry entry will be made and after that the restricted user will just get a "C++ runtime error" every time they try and run it.

A typical scenario:

A Teacher has a school laptop, gives it to the network technician to load the standalone disc on. He/she logs on as administrator and it all works successfully. The Teacher connects the machine to school network and logs on - all is fine again as the machine should have all Domain Users set up as local admins.

The Teacher then goes home and logs on locally to the machine using an account they use so they can do some personal work as well. Result - The Teacher is likely to be a restricted user and they get a runtime error.

Resolution:

Make sure that all users that log on to the machine are, at the very least, "Standard" users. You can set this by going into Control Panel and selecting "Users and Passwords". If you look at the user properties you will see the following:



Error In browser window:

The page cannot be displayed

There is a problem with the page you are trying to reach and it cannot be displayed.

Microsoft JET Database Engine (0x80004005)
Could not find file 'c:\program files\merto\heinemann
online\databases\metro_content.mdb'.
/Metro/common/functions.asp, line 194

Answer:

You need to install the content disc as well as just the system disc.

Error in browser:

Description: Operation must use an updateable query.

Source: Microsoft JET Database Engine

Help Context:5003073

Help File:

Error Number: -2147467259

Answer:

This is a permissions issue. It is rare as the correct permissions should be applied during the install routine.

The "internet guest account" will be a user called "IUSR_[servername]" and it needs to be added to the following directories and "Modify" permissions applied (Make sure that these folders are set to propagate the settings to any subfolders/files:

Assuming that [INSTALLDIR] is the default c:\program files folder

[INSTALLDIR]\Heinemann Online\databases\
[INSTALLDIR]\Heinemann Online\websites\Metro\serial\
[INSTALLDIR]\Heinemann Online\websites\Metro\uploads\

NOTES:

All external support links were current at time of writing.

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